

In re Appln. Of: Bryan Hulstedt  
Application No.: 09/667,971

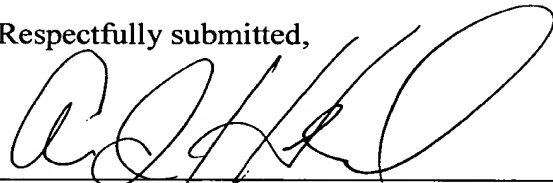
*REMARKS*

The Office Action dated May 21, 2004 has been carefully considered. In the Office Action, the Patent Examiner asserted various prior art rejections against certain claims and made them final. To provide for patent coverage now and to avoid further deterioration of patent term on the allowed claims, Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-6, 9-12 and 17-20 without prejudice. This renders all of the rejections moot in the Office Action (the previously withdrawn claims have also been cancelled). All that remain in the patent application are claims 7-8 and 13-16 which were indicated to be expressly allowed in paragraph five of the Office Action. Accordingly, the patent application is in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests the same.

*Conclusion*

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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